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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/652,993

Confirmation No.

: 4012

Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

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: 27,076

Examiner : Jose R. Diaz

Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Mail Stop Petitions Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

# 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. []	Submission previously submitted		
	i.	Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on	
	ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on	
	iii.	Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on	

b. <b>[X]</b>	Submission enclosed  i. [] Amendment/Reply  ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  iii. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
2. Suspensio required)	on of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)
0	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.
3. Accompa	nying Papers
[X] [X] [X]	Postcard Check Fee Transmittal Sheet Petition
4. Deposit A	Account
[X]	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.
	Respectfully submitted,
Date: <u>04-</u>	13-04 By: Mal W. Leht
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